

SUBJECT: BESMAN, Regina, *aka WYSOWSKA*

SOURCE: P.

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1. S lives at 214 Beech St., Floral Park, NYC, Tel. General 7-2868 since 1950. Born 28 Nov 1932 at NIESWITZ (Nowokruckie), Poland of German or Jewish parents. Employed with "Singer Manufacturing Co", 149 Broadway, NYC as a clerk for 6 1/2 years. Office telephone: DI 9-1200, Ext. 158. S speaks English, Russian, Polish, Byelorussian, German.

1943 S went from Poland to Germany and stayed there in various places like Braunschweig, and others. 27 Oct 1949 came to the States aboard US SS General Bundy. Disembarked in New York and went then to her sponsor in Kentucky. After 6 months returned to New York and for some time lived in Brooklyn. Then moved to her present address.

1953 married a Pole by name WYSOWSKI, fnu. Divorced him in 1960. Her ex-husband should live in Brooklyn where he has a business. S's house is her own.

S's mother, married second time, lives now in Brooklyn under name of BAJGER (probably her second husband's name). She has two other children. S's father died in 1939, probably in Poland. S was unwilling to discuss this matter.

2. 1959 S went to Moscow on behalf of Singer Sewing Co of New York as interpreter under name of WYSOWSKA. She told P. that while in Moscow they were told to be very cautious and not to do anything that would "provoke" the Russians because of Mr. Nixon's visit. She met, however, a Soviet journalist who invited her to his home and there she also met his friends. They complained about the Soviet regime, in particular one Byelorussian and Georgian were very strongly anti-Soviet and anti-Russian. S introduced herself as an Estonian tourist.

3. S would like to work for CIA. She suspected that P. who met her on 7 Sep 1961 through PETERS, Olga (a friend of S) at ~~Olga~~ Peters' home, was a CIA agent what he emphatically denied. S seemed to be very keen on getting in contact with the CIA. She would like to revenge herself for her relatives who suffered from communists. S was very anxious to go to the Soviet Union as an agent of the CIA and "she would be capable to handle any assignment". She would like to go to medical exhibition which is supposed to take place in ~~Moscow~~ Feb - July 1962 in Moscow, Leningrad and some other places. She applied for this exhibition to USIA but was rejected. S showed to P. a letter from John DIXON, director of East-West Exchange, Exchange Branch Exhibit Division, Information Center Service, stating that her application had been rejected because of her lack of university education. This should be a second rejection.

S felt very much offended about it and stressed the fact that she could do more than "any student who was being sent to the Soviet Union". She asked P. to help her "by saying a word to USIA". He replied again that he could do nothing about it being not an agent of the CIA or any other governmental organization.

4. S knows personally Martin I. KAMINSKY who was sentenced and then released by the Sovs . She thought that Kaminsky had something more to do than just collect material for his dissertation.

When talking about Makkinnon S thought that the main reason for his failure was incompetence and clumsiness of the CIA who were unable to find any new methods in their work and stick to the old compromised ones. To her the CIA developed a pattern which was being repeated all the time and which ran the following line : student - camera - car - desertation. In addition one should take into account great possibilities of Russian agents in Washington who are practically unhampered in their work in Washington, and in the States in general. She told P. that student installed into a group of "normal tourists" is being called in students" jargon a clam.

5. When S returned from Moscow in 1959 she was interviewed by an US-agency and her data were recorded.

6. According to P., Subject - a sympathetic, dyed blonde - seems to be somewhat naive but rather intelligent and energetic. Her knowledge of Soviet Union is rather limited and stems mostly from her experience with Sovs in 1939-41 and in 1959 when in Moscow.

7. S. is a very good friend of PETERS , Olga - 165 Ft Washington Ave, NYC, Tel. WA 7-5633 who went as interpreter to Moscow US-exhibition in 1959. She met there a Ukrainian poet by name Taras , Iru and ~~supposedly~~ got an invitation from the USIS to go to the Soviet Union again in 1962 for a medical exhibition. Peters has her uncle in Kievan Cinematographic Studio - by name PETRYCHENKO. Peters is willing to go to the Soviet Union and would like Besman to join her. That's why S. (Besman) is so keen on getting there too.

Peters was born 4 Sep 1933 in Kiev, Ukraine; arrived in the States in 1949 via Boston; was granted US citizenship 18 March 1957; 1952 graduated from St. Basils Academy; 1954 gr. from Manor College , Fox Chase, Phila, Pa; 1957 - at Columbia Presbyterian Med. Center, R.N.B.S.

8. Please check on S., PETERS and DERESH, Xenia (see separate ~~check~~ report).